

Claude Moore Park

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2006 Special Events & Park Activities



EGGSTRAVAGANZA (Nature-based Egg Hunt) – Wed., April 12 (Rain: Thurs., April 13), 10 AM-12 PM. This event is for ages 2-10 yrs. Participate in a different kind of egg hunt this year. Enjoy hands-on exhibits on reptiles, amphibians, and other animals that come from eggs. Egg hunt times are set for specific ages; with the exception of the younger children, all other participants will collect eggs on their own. Space is limited, so you must register by 4/11/06. Contact the park for more specific registration information. \$5/child.

VESTAL'S GAP WALKING CLUB – Thursdays, March 30 through June 15, 6 PM. If you enjoy walking at a moderate pace with a lively group, then this is the activity for you. Enjoy great conversation and a brisk walk throughout the park's 11 miles of trails. Adults are welcome to walk with this club each Thursday; the club meets outside the Visitor Center and walks for approximately 60 minutes, depending on the route. Walkers with dogs on a leash are welcome. You must pre-register. Walks are canceled if there is inclement weather. Free.



SPRING TRAIL CLEAN-UP – Saturday, April 22, 8 AM-12 PM. Are you looking for a great volunteer opportunity? Then come on out to Claude Moore Park during Keep Loudoun Beautiful Month and join the staff for a spring trail clean-up. All volunteers will receive orientation and then be divided into work groups. Clean-up work includes pruning, blazing, weeding, sign inventory, trash pick-up, etc. This is a great opportunity for scout groups or for anyone needing school community service hours. Please help us keep the trails in great condition for our park users! Wear work clothes, boots, and work gloves; you will get dirty. Water and a snack will be provided. Individual and group volunteers must pre-register by April 7, and groups maybe eligible for a monetary prize from Keep Loudoun Beautiful, Inc.



WINGS OVER LOUDOUN BIRD FESTIVAL - Saturday, May 13, 9 AM-1 PM. Welcome the spring migrants home! Celebrate the birds' return with guided walks and live bird demonstrations. Make a bird feeder, explore birds' lives through activities, and make a craft to take home. Try your hand at birdwatching. Visit Frogshackle Nature Center. Groups of 10 or more should pre-register. Free.



CIVIL WAR: EARLY'S MARYLAND RAID – Saturday, May 27, 9 AM-5 PM. Join Claude Moore Park and Historian Steve Meserve for a great Civil War Bus Trip as you follow Jubal Early's route on his Washington raid. Visit Round Hill where Early's wagon train was attacked by the 21st NY and the 2nd Maryland Cavalry. Travel on past Harper's Ferry to Frederick for a tour of the Monocacy Battlefield, then on to Fort Stevens in Washington before returning. You will depart from and return to the Claude Moore Park Visitor Center. Bring a bag lunch. Children must be accompanied by an adult, and this trip is recommended for ages 12 and over. Register by 5/5/06. The cost of the trip is \$45/person.

KID'S ALL-AMERICAN FISHING DERBY – Saturday, June 3, 9 AM-12 PM. This event is for children ages 6-16. Anglers, show your skill at Claude Moore Park's two fishing ponds! Prizes will be awarded in a number of categories. We are participating in the Wal-Mart Kids All American Fishing Derby, a community event to encourage children to enjoy the sport of fishing. Park staff will be available to give fishing advice. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Registration required; please download the registration form here:

http://inetdocs.loudoun.gov/prcs/events/claudemoorespark_/index.htm . FREE

NATIONAL TRAILS DAY - Saturday, June 3, 12-3 PM. This national event is sponsored by the American Hiking Society; this year's theme is "Experience Your Outdoors." Enjoy both the rich history and unique forest habitats on a 1.5 hr. guided hike beginning at 1 PM. Additional activities include 5K and 10K Volkssport IVV Credit Walks and the 1779 Lanesville Ordinary Open House. Free trail maps are available in the Visitor Center on Old Vestal's Gap Road within the park. The park will hold a ceremony recognizing Adopt-A-Trail Volunteers. FREE

CIVIL WAR: 8TH VIRGINIA INFANTRY AT MANASSAS – Saturday, June 10, 9 AM-5 PM. With Historian Steve Meserve, follow the route the 8th Virginia Infantry took from Leesburg to the battle of First Manassas, possibly including a visit to Thoroughfare Gap. After touring the First Manassas Battlefield, step forward in time a year to explore the 8th Virginia at Second Manassas and visit the sites where they fought that action. The bus will depart from and return to the Claude Moore Park Visitor Center. Additional \$3 fee or National Park Service/Golden Eagle pass needed to enter Manassas Battlefield. Bring a bag lunch. Children must be accompanied by an adult, and the trip is recommended for 12 years and over. Register by 6/9/06. The fee for this trip is \$45/person.

OL' FASHIONED 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION - Tuesday, July 4, 10:30 AM-3 PM. Celebrate the 4th of July at Claude Moore Park. Enjoy an old-fashioned holiday set in the park's historic area. Activities include live musical entertainment, an amazing reptile show, Frogshackle Nature Center, hands-on nature displays, crafts, face painting, and food available from vendors. Take pony rides and hay rides and play old time games. Tour the historic Lanesville Ordinary and see displays of the Loudoun Heritage Farm Museum. No registration required. \$5/carload parking fee; admission to all displays and entertainment is FREE. If you're interested in being a food vendor for this event, please click [here](http://inetdocs.loudoun.gov/prcs/events/claudemoorespark_july4foodvendor_index.htm) (http://inetdocs.loudoun.gov/prcs/events/claudemoorespark_july4foodvendor_index.htm) for a vendor application.



2nd ANNUAL AUTUMN ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW – Saturday, September 9, 10 AM-5 PM. Claude Moore Park is sponsoring its second annual craft show during the beautiful month of September. Stroll the tree-lined grounds in the historic area and shop at over 100 booths; vendors will be offering hand-made items such as wood crafts, tapestries, all types of jewelry, furniture, glassware, and much more. Enjoy some entertainment while sipping some lemonade and then take a tour of the historic Lanesville Ordinary while taking a break from shopping. Full food service will be available. All patrons must enter the park at Loudoun Park Lane. Admission is free. If you are an arts and crafts vendor (hand-made items only), and are interested in applying to be a vendor for this show, please download an application here: http://inetdocs.loudoun.gov/prcs/events/claudemoorespark_artsandcraftssh_index.htm. All instructions and requirements are listed on this form. Also, if you are interested in being a food vendor for this show, please download an application form [here](http://inetdocs.loudoun.gov/prcs/events/claudemoorespark_artsandcraftssh_index.htm). http://inetdocs.loudoun.gov/prcs/events/claudemoorespark_artsandcraftssh_index.htm

STORIES AROUND THE CAMPFIRE - Wednesday, October 25, 6 PM (Rain Date: Oct. 26). This event will take place this year, but it may be revamped somewhat. Please check back for updated information throughout 2006.



HOLIDAY IN THE PARK - Saturday, December 2, 3:30-6 PM. Enjoy the winter season at beautiful Claude Moore Park. Listen to great musical entertainment. Take a candlelight tour of the historic Lanesville Heritage House and view its old-fashioned holiday décor. Enjoy a wagon ride through the quiet, winter meadows of the park. Visit Frogshackle Nature Center, roast marshmallows, enjoy hot cider, and construct some holiday crafts. In lieu of an admission fee, donations of **NEW** mittens, hats and scarves are welcome for our "Winter Warmth Tree." These donations will go to the Loudoun Holiday Coalition. No registration required. FREE